



RICARDS LODGE HIGH SCHOOL

# Uniform Policy

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## *Rational for School Uniform*

At Ricards Lodge High School our uniform is an important part of promoting our inclusive ethos. Students proudly wear the purple, green and white representing the sacrifices that the Suffragettes made in the 19th and 20th century fighting for the rights of women. The uniform aims to provide a sense of belonging and identity as well as setting an appropriate tone for education. Our school uniform policy aims to be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races, religions whilst ensuring we do not compromise school safety and our school culture. We aim to ensure that our uniform costs are kept to a minimum and ensure that our families receive the best value for money whilst keeping compulsory school items to a minimum. We recognise that by having school uniforms it reduces the cost eliminating the pressure for parents to buy brand clothing.

### **Compulsory School Uniform**

The following items of uniform are compulsory with our school logo. They can only be purchased from School Uniform Direct, Unit 5 Mitcham Industrial Estate;

- Purple Blazer
- Purple jumper or tank top
- P.E. Polo shirt purple/green

The following items can be purchased from School Uniform Direct or from any other retailer of your choice;

- Knee-length plain black skirt or smart tailored black trousers (not jean style/or leggings)
- Black P.E. shorts
- Plain white blouse/shirt with collar (polo shirts are not allowed)
- Plain black tights or white or black socks
- Black flat shoes
- (Black or white) headscarf if worn for religious reasons or to protect textured hair
- School coat Plain black, green or purple outdoor coat (one colour, no pattern, logo or writing).  
No denim, leather, imitation leather, fur coats, fleeces, hooded sweatshirts or body warmers.
- Summer months - Tailor shorts

## Key Stage 3 PE and Dance Kit

- Purple blazer
- P.E. Polo shirt purple/green
- Black P.E. shorts, sports leggings or sports joggers (No cycling shorts or baggy lounge trousers)
- Purple hoodie
- Supportive trainers

## Key Stage 4 PE Kit

- Purple blazer
- P.E. Polo shirt purple/green
- BTEC Sport and year 11 students can choose to buy optional personalised tshirts
- Black P.E. shorts, sports leggings or sports joggers (No cycling shorts or baggy lounge trousers)
- Purple hoodie
- Supportive trainers

## Key Stage 4 Dance Kit

- Purple blazer
- Black t shirt
- Black leggings
- Purple hoodie
- Supportive trainers

**The following items of uniform are optional. These items can only be purchased from School Uniform Direct with our school logo**

- Purple hooded top
- Arm Sleeves
- P.E. Kit Bag
- Valuables pouch

## Jewellery

- One pair of stud earrings (no larger than a 5p)
- Wristwatch
- Single ring
- No other piercing is allowed

## Hairstyles

- You must not bleach, dye or add any colour to your hair. You may wear a hair clip, a plain hairband or hair tie in our school colours
- If unsure, please speak to your Head of Year before visiting the hairdresser.

## Other

- No fake nails
- Subtle make up only

## Non-uniform days

On designated non uniform days, students may wear personal clothing in place of the standard school uniform. However, all students are expected to adhere to a dress code that ensures clothing is safe, respectful, and appropriate for a learning environment. Attire must not feature any offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate language, imagery, or symbols. Clothing must provide appropriate coverage; items such as crop tops, spaghetti straps, very short shorts or skirts, and clothing with excessive rips are not permitted. For safety reasons, all students must wear closed-toe shoes. Parents/Carers of students who arrive at school in attire that does not meet these guidelines might be asked to bring a suitable change of clothes.

## Second-hand School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier School Uniform Direct has now introduced a second hand school uniform swap service. Please click [here](#) for more details. If you would like to request items please complete [this form](#) and as they arrive we will contact you.

*Appendix 1*

School Uniform Photos

